



## Thompson-Nicola Regional District

### Vavenby Water System Still Under “Do Not Use” Notice

For Immediate Release (January 2, 2019, 9:30 a.m.):

The Vavenby Community Water System remains under a Do Not Use Notice, following a semi truck and trailer accident north of the water intake in the North Thompson River.

The semi truck and trailer has now been removed from the river. When the truck was removed from the river, the truck’s fuel tanks were empty, indicating that approximately 350 litres of fuel in the tanks was released into the river, likely upon impact.

The TNRD took daily water samples from the Vavenby Community Water System following the accident, with sampling to continue while the system remains under the “Do Not Use” notice. These samples are currently being analyzed with results expected late Thursday or early Friday. The TNRD is working closely with Interior Health Authority, and it is anticipated that if the results show that the water system has not been contaminated, the Do Not Use notice may be rescinded by Interior Health.

While under a “Do Not Use” notice, users are reminded that the water is not to be used for anything but flushing toilets. Free bottled water for drinking and bulk water for cooking, washing dishes, etc is available to the water system users at the Vavenby Fire Department. The TNRD has also made arrangements for Vavenby Community Water System users to use the North Thompson Sportsplex shower facilities free of charge while the community water system is under the existing Do Not Use notice.

The Sportsplex hours this week are:

- January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and then 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm
- January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- January 4<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- January 6<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

As soon as the results of the water samples is known and a decision can be made on the current Do Not Use notice, further information will be provided.

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